IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Group Art Unit:

3748

HUNGWEN JEN, et al.

Examiner:

Serial No.:

10/707,659

Filed: December 30, 2003

For:

MINIMIZATION OF PURGE NOx RELEASE FROM NOx TRAPS BY

OPTIMIZING THE OXYGEN STORAGE CAPACITY

Attorney Docket No.: FCHM 0152 PUS

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent & Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the above-identified patent application and as to when we may expect an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

HUNGWEN JEN, et al.

angeeta G. Shah

Reg. No. 38,614

Attorney/Agent for Applicant

BROOKS KUSHMAN P.C.

1000 Town Center, 22nd Floor Southfield, MI 48075-1238

Phone: (248) 358-4400 Fax: (248) 358-3351

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper, including all enclosures referred to herein∮is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage pre-paid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

Date of Deposit

Sangeeta Shah Name of Person Signing Signature